## EDITORIAL NEWS

**Erosion Costly On Farms**

For many years now, experts of the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture have been calling attention to the losses suffered through soil erision in this country.

Some years ago, Dr. Hugh H. Benett, then Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, declared that about 100,000,000 acres of crop land, some of it the nation's best land, has been "completely finished" as a result of soil erosion. He then estimated that the annual direct cost of erosion to the farmers of this country alone, not counting damage to reservoirs, stream channels, irrigation ditches, highways and railroads, at $400,000,000.

This information has been read time and again by the farmers of this section. It undoubtedly attracted their attention, and some farmers have taken constructive steps to correct the situation, having their farm lands terrained, and using other advanced ideas to save their precious top soil.

We take this occasion, however, to call the attention of other farmers to the necessity of continuing the fight against erosion of their land. Like some other things that menace mankind, the time to start the war on erosion is when the first threatening gully appears.

**Too Early To Say**

As this is being written, events at the National Democratic Convention have been not quite as dramatic as some had expected. But much can and, doubtless will, happen before adjournment. This newspaper would prefer to reserve its comment until the convention is over, feeling that at that time we will be in a position to give a better appraisal.

**Calls U. S. 'Cumbersome'**

President Mohammed Ayub Kahn, of Pakistan, says that the greatest injury to the free world is probably the cumbersome defense set-up in Washington.

Speaking at a press conference in Pakistan, President Kahn said the people in his county were "beginning to doubt" that the governmental machinery of the United States was attumed to the requirements of the nuclear age.

He said he did not doubt the power of the United States, and our military power to repel an attack. On the other hand, he questioned whether our governmental machinery would permit us to act rapidly enough.

He said our governmental machinery appeared to be cumbersome, sluggish and a clumsy juggernaut.

No doubt President Kahn was speaking partly because of our mixed-up reaction to the U-2 spy flight, and because of other indications. Certainly in our rocket program, over the years, we have shown no clear direction, no unified command, and very little coordination.

In addition to that, we have something of a unique problem as between our Secretaries of armed services and the Chiefs of Staff of the armed services.

One basic weakness of all democracies, of course, is their inability to act rapidly in time of crisis. President Kahn, of Pakistan is pointing out a long - recognized and well-known potential weakness in our system of government. He is still a staunch ally of the United States, and he made that clear.

As such, his warning is timely, and is basically sound. The entire defense structure should exhibit more coordination, more efficiency, and a more unified purpose and authority. This would be a commendable goal as part of the program of the next Administration, whether it be a Democrat or a Republican one.

**The Planets and July**

Can you name the planets of the solar system? Do you know how many there are? Since our solar system is but one of many in the universe, and since it contains the earth (one of the planets) and since we are fast approaching the day when man might be traveling to and from these planets, it behooves all of us to know a little about the solar system.

The solar system we speak of concerns our sun. There are many other suns, some larger and some smaller than ours, but there are only nine planets in our sun's system—eight in addition to ours, the earth. They vary greatly in distance from the sun — all revolving around the sun.

This month you will be able to see most of the planets if you study the night sky. Altogether, there are nine, with Mercury being cloest to the sun. In the order of their nearness to the sun, the nine are: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Nepture and Pluto. You can forget about the last three—Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, unless you use a telescope.

But you can see the others—five in all (not counting the earth). Mercury will be hard to see this month, but late in July, when you can see the western sky clearly, after the sun goes down, you might catch it following the sun at a close distance. Venus rises this month ahead of the sun—by about two hours, and you'll have to get out your celestial chart to place it. It is passing from Taurus to Gemini. Likewise, you can spot Mars this month rising at about midnight, near the stars of Pisces.

Jupiter will be easy to spot because you can find it at sunset on the north-south line of the sky called the Meridian. You'll need your chart to locate Saturn, if you don't know where Ophiuchus is.

## WASHINGTON NEWS

**U. S. Foreign Policy**

President Eisenhower says that his Administration will hold fast to its present course in foreign policy. He proclaimed his trip to the Far East successful and valuable, although disorders in Tokyo led to cancellation of his scheduled visit to the Japanese capital.

He commends goodwill trips to his successor and says that although he does not plan any more for himself during his remaining months in office, he would not hesitate to go if the occasion arose to strengthen the friendship between the United States and other nations.

**Age - Care Plan**

A new formula for expansion of the Social Security system to provide health insurance for the aged has been put forward with backing of influencial Senate Democrats.

**Budget Surplus**

The Administration winds up its first fiscal year with its third budget surplus, totaling close to $500,000,000. It is the first in three years, and the smallest.

The world looks black to the person who thinks nobody knows as much as he does.

We are not so sure that the Sunday afternoon quiet of years ago wasn't the best way to spend the Sabbath, after all.

Judging from the recent July Fourth week - end, it seems that when you get a bit tired of life, the best thing to do is to take an automobile out on the highway on a holiday.


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**KNOW THE WEATHER**

By E. H. Sims

Does the dew in the morning indicate that good weather can be expected that day?

Yes, strangely enough, this old weather saying is not merly folklore, without scientific foundation but genuine weather knowledge.

Dew is formed by cooling. The blade of grass that collects moisture collects it from air being cooled. Warm air has greater capacity for moisture than cool air, and gives some of it up (on blades of grass) when it is cooled.

Cloudless nights are nights for the collection of dew because heat radiation is necessary in the process and clouds check this process. The sight of dew then means clear skies and clear weather. The old saying, then, is usually accurate.

**CHECK TOBACCO SPECIALIST SAYS**

If you made any mistakes in producing flue-cured tobacco this year, now's a good time to try to pin-point them, says G. R. Mathews, tobacco specialist at VPI.

Mathews says if the growing season has been good, but the tobacco hasn't grown as it should, it's a good idea to find out now what the trouble is so you can correct it next year. He lists eight conditions which often cause poor or irregular growth:

Fertilizer injury to the root system.

Fumigant injury to the roots and shank of plants.

The use of fertilizer low in nitrate nitrogen, on soils that were fumigated for root-knot nematodes.

The presence of root diseases.

Damage to roots from insects in the soil.

A deficiency of phosphorus.

The application of too little nitrogen.

The use of soil not suited for tobacco.

Pull up a few of the smaller plants and examine the roots carefully. If you are not sure about the trouble, take four or five plants to your county agricultural agent. He can help you.

**Busy Man**

Flemington, N. J.- This town of 3,500 persons went dry all day when a water main broke, but the Mayor took prompt action. He fixed the leak himself.

Mayor John Bush, a plumber, donned his overalls and went down in a hole to repair the leak in a 6-inch main.

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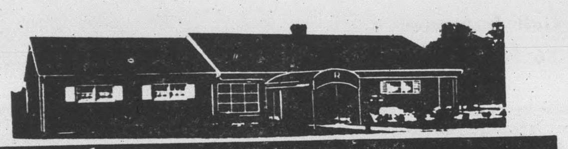

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If sun fading is a problem, consider one of the solution - dyed acetates. The color is sealed into the grain before it is woven. For resistance to sunlight, yet sheerness, try solution - dyed rayons such as Fortisan, Jetspun, and Cupra-Color. Fortisan is used with cotton, rayon, or silk, seldom alone. Know what fibers are used with it to know how to care for it.

Rayon is strong in sunlight, but weak in water.

So it is recommended that even in blends, a fabric with rayon should be dry cleaned rather than washed.

Dacron may be the answer to problems of moisture, humidity, wrinkle resistance. It comes in casement cloth, solid colors, off whites, textures, and sheers. Ready made curtains in Dacron come tailored, ruffled, or embroidered tiers.

Dacron should be washed often to keep it from becoming dingy. It can be carefully washed and drip dried and hung right back on the window. Some particular homemakers prefer to press it, however.

Fiberglass is good for ease of care, sheerness, and privacy. It is now treated with a coronizing process to make it abrasive resistant. It can be washed and rehung in 20 minutes. Do not iron curtains of fiberglass.

To be sure of the right color, design, and good drapery qualities, it is well to try out a length of the fabric for your curtains or draperies at home before buying.

The loveliest curtains can cause no end of trouble, say the specialists, if they are hung with the wrong fixtures or even if the right fixtures are not properly installed.

Place the rod plate carefully as close to the outer edge of the window frame as possible, getting a firm grip on the wood. Drive a nail well into the wood to make an opening to guide the entrance of the screws.

### Health and Beauty

Summer is harder on your eyes than any other season. Bright sunlight and reflection actually bleach out your eyes. The heat dries the delicate skin around the eyes, causing lines to deepen and new wrinkles to form.

The heat, and, particularly, the hot winds, dry the natural moisture from the eyes. The results in the hot, burning senations so often experienced during the summer.

Good sunglasses will protect your eyes, and are one of the most important investments in health and beauty protection you can make. Cheap dark glasses can cause all kinds of eye trouble.

The most satisfactory dark glasses are those with optically ground lenses which have been treated to screen out the burning rays. If you wear glasses regularly sunglasses in your prescription are best. Sunglasses which clip on over your regular glasses are said by doctors to be harmful.

Sunglasses come in so many different colors, sizes and shapes that it will be no trouble to find a pair suited to your face and coloring. Remember, however, that the lenses must be large enough to cover the entire eye area.

Use a mild eye lotion in your eyes several times a day if you are at the beach, traveling, etc. If your skin tends to be dry, use eye cream on the lids and under the eyes.

### About The Home

The important thing in designing a child's room is to use a decorative theme that allows easy maintenance.

An outstanding designer of children's furniture said recently that the use of colorful and attractive wall paper in a child's room is a perfect way to expose a child to beauty at an early age. The designer advocates that as exposure to good music brings appreciation in later years, so will exposure to style in a child's room bring about the same effect in furnishings.

We are told that there is no excuse to surround children with colors and styles as grim as the deck of a battleship. Colorful wallpaper may be sprayed and become just as washable as any painted wall.

A floor covering that will take hard wear and won't spot from water is desirable. A perfect flooring for a child's room is plastic coated cork. No waxing is necessary, moisture does not damage it, and most spots will wipe up with a little soap and water. The cork is very quiet, which is perfect for baby, and makes it much easier on parents later on.

All paint used on furniture in a child's room should be the non-toxic type. This fact will not limit your choice of colors. Try to avoid sharp corners on any piece of furniture chosen.

Never agree with a speaker or a writer; agree with his facts and his reasoning.

**NEW NELSON LAKE YIELDING GOOD CATCHES**

Lake Nelson, the new 45-acre public fishing pond near Arrington in Nelson County, may not be stocked with flying fish, but the fish were certainly flying on opening day (June 29) as over 1,000 anglers caught more than 3,500 fish.

The new pond is constructed for easy and efficient fertilization, and, for this reason, it may become the most productive freshwater impoundment in Virginia.

"Of course the fishing success won't always be as good as it was during the opening days," says Bob Martin, assistant chief of the game commission's fish division, "but we are hoping to get high production from it through proper fertilization."

"The bass fishing will drop some as the surplus population is taken off, but the bream fishing should remain good."

The new lake is unique in two ways. First, the bottom was cleared before flooding, so that when the pond is drained, seines can be used effectively in taking out the rough fish. Secondly, the pond was built in an area with a relatively small watershed. Therefore, the flow of water will be slow enough for effective fertilization.

Intelligent optimism is based on a long-range viewpoint, and pessimism is usually generated by a short-range view.

## A New Image of Thrift

Mrs. Vivian Ackerman had looked into her mirror hundreds of times since she was a little girl, but this was the first time she had seen the image of "Mrs. United States Savings Bonds of 1961." The Tucson, Arizona, housewife won the coveted title over 52 competitors in the "Mrs. America" finals at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., last week. As the Treasury's leading women's volunteer during the next 12 months, she will spend part of her time touring the country in the promotion of Savings Bonds and Savings Stamps. The attractive brunette is the mother of three children. Her husband, Harry, is County Attorney for Pima County, Arizona. Mrs. Ackerman succeeds Mrs. Jean Lemons of Wichita, Kansas, "Mrs. U. S. Savings Bonds of 1960."


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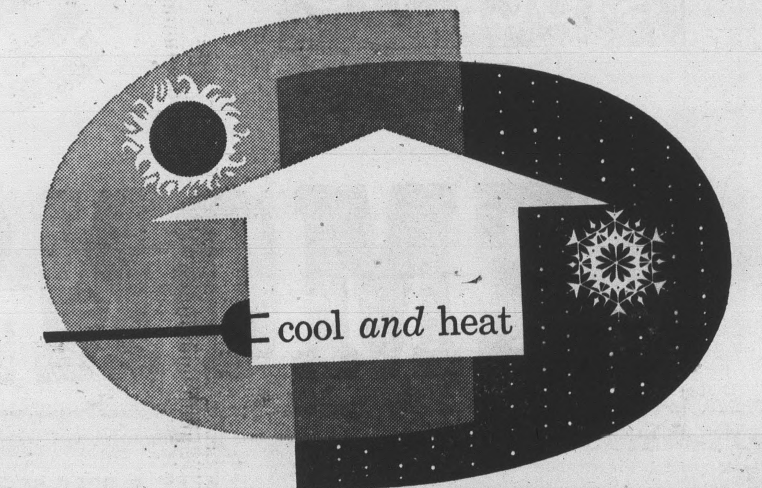


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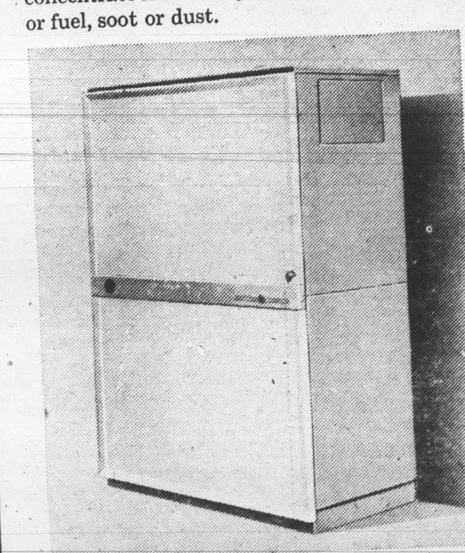

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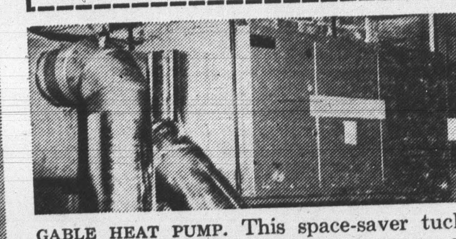

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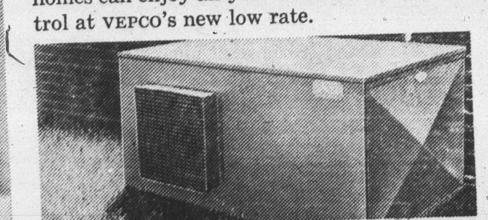

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